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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens in the U.S. This cruel practice has been banned in the U.K., and I think the cruelty of starving the hens for up to eight weeks borders on the criminal. To think that 75% of our laying hens are subjected to the artificial molt, many starving and dying in the process, must be outlawed. The abuse of these living creatures, reduced to miserable, featherless, injured, ill birds hardly recognizable as chickens, should be banned as it is in most of Europe. I myself, will be buying egg replacers for my family until I hear that this cruel practice is stopped. The industries should not deprive their animals of food for more than 24 hours. I think we can regulate these industries into more humane treatment of fellow animals. Thank you for your consideration.

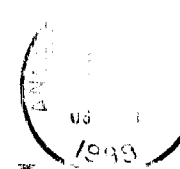
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